

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

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Government Reform to Consider **D.C. College Access Reauthorization,** **Federal Employee Legislation**

What: GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

When: THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006, 10:00 a.m. (Hearing on Dietary Supplements to Immediately Follow)

Where: ROOM 2154, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Background:

The Committee on Government Reform will hold a business meeting to mark up the following legislation:

H.R. 4855, legislation to reauthorize the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 for 5 additional years

On March 2, 2006, Chairman Davis and Congresswoman Norton introduced H.R. 4855, a five-year reauthorization for the District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) Program; one of the few undeniably successful federal programs. In 2004, Congress reauthorized the College Access Act for an additional two years, through FY2007. The purpose of the Tuition Assistance Grant Program is twofold: (1) to address the District of Columbia's lack of a State university system by providing D.C. high school graduates with access to higher education opportunities available to residents of other States; and (2) to deter tax-paying families in the District from moving to surrounding States in order to take advantage of in-State higher education options available to residents in other States, thus depriving the District of much needed tax revenue.

S. 1736, legislation to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies

S. 1736 was introduced by Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman Susan Collins last October at the request of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on October 20, 2005. The purpose of the legislation is to authorize the Office of Personnel Management to establish a program whereby employees in the judicial branch would be able to transfer annual leave to other judicial branch colleagues in the event of a major disaster or emergency. Emergency leave transfer authority currently exists for executive branch employees; this legislation would expand the existing authority to cover judicial branch employees.

Committee Report on the National Drug Control Strategy for 2006 and the National Drug Control Budget for Fiscal Year 2007

The report provides an overview of the Committee's most pressing drug policy priorities and a detailed, department by department, analysis of the Administration's drug strategy and 2007 budget request. The Subcommittee has held several hearings over the past year regarding drug use prevention, drug addiction treatment, federal drug enforcement, and international supply reduction. This report is an assessment of the information obtained from those hearings and an evaluation of the Administration's approach to preventing, treating, and eliminating drug abuse in the United States.

H.R. 4674, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 North Chestnut Street in Olathe, Kansas, as the "Governor John Anderson, Jr. Post Office Building."

H.R. 4688, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the "Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office."

H.R. 4786, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the "H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building."

H.R. 4805, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 North Quincy Street in Clinton, Illinois, as the "Gene Vance Post Office Building."

H.Res. 85, legislation supporting the goals and ideals of National "MPS Day."

H.Res. 517, legislation recognizing the life of Wellington Timothy Mara and his outstanding contributions to the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States.

H.Res. 556, legislation expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic.

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